

CHAPTER 3.1.8.

Article 3.1.8.3.

Commodities

1. When authorising import or transit of the following *commodities*, *Competent Authorities* should not require any *Perkinsus marinus* related conditions, regardless of the *Perkinsus marinus* status of the *exporting country, zone or compartment*:
 - a) From the species listed in Article 3.1.8.2. for any purpose:
 - i) Commercially-sterile canned or other heat treated products;
 - ii) *Gametes, eggs and larvae*;
 - b) The following products destined for human consumption from the species listed in Article 3.1.8.2. which have been prepared in such a way as to minimise the risk of diversion for alternative uses (a Member Country may wish to consider the need to introduce internal measures to prevent the commodity being used for any purpose other than for human consumption):
 - i) ~~Chemically~~ Preserved products (e.g. smoked, salted, pickled, marinated, etc ...);
 - ii) Non commercially-sterile heat treated products (e.g. ready prepared meals).
2. ...
3. ...

Rationale:

Article 3.1.8.3 1)a: ii) *Gametes, eggs and larvae*; - This statement is listed for all other mollusc chapters, but not listed in 3.1.8.

Article 3.1.8.3 1)a: ii) Eggs are gametes, so use of the term is redundant.

Article 3.1.8.3 1)b)i): Smoking and freeze drying are physical (not chemical) processes.

Article 3.1.8.4.

***Perkinsus marinus* free country**

A country may declare itself free from *Perkinsus marinus* if it meets the conditions in points 1), 2), 3) or 4) below.

If a country shares a *zone or compartment* with one or more other countries, it can only declare itself a *Perkinsus marinus* free country if all the areas covered by the shared water are declared *Perkinsus marinus* free zones (see Article 3.1.8.5.).

1. A country where no species listed in Article 3.1.8.2. are present may declare itself free from *Perkinsus marinus* when *basic biosecurity conditions* have been met continuously in the country for at least the past 3 years.

OR

2. ...

OR

3. ...

OR

4. ...

General Comment

Article 3.1.8.4) All other mollusc chapters list 2 years as a time period for biosecurity requirements. Is there a specific reason for using 3 years for this pathogen?

Articles 3.1.8.7 and 3.1.8.10

The sentence in each of these articles which reads:

“The certificate ~~shall~~**should** be in accordance with the Model Certificate in Appendix 6.3.2..”

Comment: Recommend replacing the word “shall” with “should” as it is a more appropriate term when referring to a recommended procedure.